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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application

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| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.   |   |                          |   |           |         |     |              |                          |               |        |                        |  |  |
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| 3. <b>F</b>   | 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.   |                          |   |           |         |     |              |                          |               |        |                        |  |  |
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